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October 11, 2016

The Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

16 October 11, 2016

LORI GLASGOW EXECUTIVE OFFICER

APPOINTMENT AND SALARY PLACEMENT FOR DIRECTOR OF MENTAL HEALTH (ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

Recommendation to appoint and set the salary of Dr. Jonathan E. Sherin to serve as the Director of the Department of Mental Health for the County of Los Angeles.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

- 1. Appoint Dr. Jonathan E. Sherin to the position of Director of Mental Health at an annual salary of \$300,000, effective November 1, 2016.
- 2. Instruct the Director of Personnel to execute an at-will employment contract which is approved as to form by County Counsel.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended actions is to appoint a Director of Mental Health for the County of Los Angeles, and to set the salary for the position for Dr. Jonathan E. Sherin.

Dr. Sherin has extensive experience in the fields of psychiatry, mental health, and the behavioral sciences. Currently, Dr. Sherin is the Chief Medical Officer and Executive Vice President for Volunteers of America. In this role, Dr. Sherin is responsible for overseeing, expanding, and innovating therapeutic and research activities and leading clinical policy recommendations for the

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organization in over 400 communities across the country. Prior to his current assignment, Dr. Sherin worked for the Veteran's Administration (VA) as Chief of Mental Health and Behavioral Sciences for the Miami Office serving southern Florida's Dade, Broward, and Monroe Counties. Dr. Sherin also worked as Chief of Psychiatry and Mental Health for the West Los Angeles Campus of the Greater Los Angeles VA. In addition to these management roles, Dr. Sherin has spent the last 15 years working in various clinical and academic positions for the VA, the University of Miami, and the University of California Los Angeles.

Dr. Sherin has an extensive educational background including a Bachelor of Science degree in Neuroscience from Brown University and a Doctorate in Medicine and Philosophy from the University of Chicago. In addition, Dr. Sherin was a Scholar in Residence at Harvard Medical School and performed his Post-Graduate internship and residency at the University of California Los Angeles. Dr. Sherin is a licensed Physician and Surgeon and a member of the National Board of Medical Examiners and the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology.

Given Dr. Sherin's education and experience, it is recommended that the Board appoint Dr. Sherin as Director of Mental Health, effective immediately, with an annual salary of \$300,000.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Approval of these recommendations will further the County of Los Angeles' Strategic Plan Goal of Operational Effectiveness/Fiscal Sustainability to maximize the effectiveness of processes, structure, operations, and strong fiscal management to support timely delivery of customer-oriented and efficient public services.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The cost of the recommended annual salary will be absorbed within the Department of Mental Health's current budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The recommended salary will provide appropriate compensation to Dr. Sherin to perform the duties of the Director of Mental Health.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Implementation of these recommendations will provide leadership for the Department of Mental Health.

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Respectfully submitted,

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